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Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2010 8:33 AM
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Subject: FOIA - Tracking #F3109

Mr. Sandhu,

This e-mail will serve as receipt of your FOIA request dated April 7, 2010 where you are seeking a copy of the contract DE-AC96-06PO92716 awarded to Deltha-Critique, for work pertaining to the Department of Energy Management and Technical Support Services including all sections, attachments and modifications.

I phoned your office today and was told you were not in and I spoke with Steve to verify that your request was received. This contract is usually transmitted by a CD and Steve said that would be fine. Please advise if the transmittal of the requested documents through a CD is permissible to you.

Thank you,

Deanna Harvey
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April 22, 2010

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Dear Mr. Sandhu:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST NO. FI-00146

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated April 7, 2010, and received in this office on April 15, 2010. You are requesting a copy of Contract DE-AC96-06PO92716, awarded to Deltha-Critique, for work pertaining to the Department of Energy Management and Technical Support Services, including all sections, attachments, and modification.

A search and review of records was conducted, and the following explanations are provided.

Please find enclosed a compact disk containing the contract between the U. S. Department of Energy Strategic Petroleum Reserve Project Management Office and Deltha-Critique. However, certain costs and financial information have been extracted from the contract. The redacted information is being withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C.(b)(4), which states "trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person are privileged or confidential" are exempt from mandatory public disclosure.

Release of these financial figures would permit competitors to scrutinize Deltha-Critique's business strategies, giving competitors an unfair advantage. The Department of Energy has therefore determined the withheld information is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to 5 U.S.C.(b)(4).

Pursuant to 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1004.7 (b)(2), Mr. Michael McWilliams is the denying official.

April 22, 2010

Mr. Jaswinder Sandhu

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Title 10 CFR 1004.8(a) provides that an appeal may be pursued for portions of this letter which constitute a denial to your request. If you desire to appeal, you are directed to the Appeals of Initial Denials Procedures in 10 CFR 1004.8(a). Such an appeal must be made in writing within 30 calendar days of receipt of the denial to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20585.

There are no fees associated with the processing of this request. If you need further assistance or have any questions relating to this request, please contact Deanna Harvey at (504) 734-4316.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael McWilliams", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael McWilliams
Assistant Project Manager for
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Enclosure